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## Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

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Maryland Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors

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To all members concerned,

The Maryland State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors, Establishment Committee requested comments regarding the *Proposed Inspection Form*. The period for receiving comments has closed effective May 20, 2017, but the Board would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their thoughts and comments. The comments received were insightful and well thought out, and the response was overwhelming to the proposed plan. The Board has found that every response--no matter how big or small--was encouraging and will be taken into consideration.

Over the next 2 months, the Board will continue to refine the comments, develop the common themes submitted from the responses, and they will be compared and analyzed against existing COMAR Regulations and Health Occupations Articles to ensure we have captured all the submitted suggestions correctly. Once the consistent themes have been revealed, the Establishment Committee will provide a final *Proposed Inspection Form* based upon the recommendations. Prior to making any final recommendations, the Establishment Committee will publish the final *Proposed Inspection Form* for full board approval at the September Board meeting.

To highlight the importance of this process, we found that many of you pointed out both the positive and negative sides of the *Proposed Inspection Form*. We are glad to have all the thoughtful insight and support to make this form neat, easy to read, and something we can all be proud of. We are confident that our combined efforts will give us a practical advantage to ensure that each and every one of us will fully understand the requirements of the inspection process and how to maintain the highest standards as leaders practicing as Morticians and Funeral Directors.

Again, thank you all for the continued support moving forward.

Sincerely,

Victor C. March, Sr.  
President

Mark E. Bailey  
Chair, Establishment Committee